

HOPE HONOLULU WILL NOT LOSE NAVY OFFICES

Local Business Firms Point to
Difficulty of Reaching
Pearl Harbor

Business firms of Honolulu, learning that a movement is on foot to transfer the purchasing and pay offices of the naval administration here to Pearl Harbor, have enlisted the aid of the Chamber of Commerce in an effort to reverse what is said to be the attitude of Admiral Boush, commandant at Pearl Harbor.

Secretary Brown of the chamber was busy today assembling the facts and hoped to get in touch with Admiral Boush this afternoon. It is understood that Washington did not initiate the idea of a transfer but that Admiral Boush considers that efficiency will be served by having the purchasing department located at Pearl Harbor.

As one businessman explained the matter to the Star-Bulletin this morning, such a transfer will seriously impede the purchasing department's business. "All of the business done in Honolulu will be delayed," he said. "At the present time, when the station calls for bids notice is sent to a number of firms. In each case the business usually requires three or four trips to the station, but as that is right down on the waterfront it takes but a short time. If the office is transferred to Pearl Harbor we must do all of our business either over the telephone, which will be almost impossible, or else take several hours for a trip to Pearl Harbor and back."

It is pointed out that the naval yards and stations throughout the country are served by purchasing and pay offices in the business centers nearest which they are located. "That is the case at Brooklyn, at San Francisco and at Seattle, as well as many other cities and towns near naval establishments."

Before taking any action the Chamber of Commerce will endeavor to learn the reasons why the transfer is proposed so that the viewpoint of the naval authorities may be appreciated.

CONFIDENCE FELT CONGRESS WILL PASS BILL SOON

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news can be," says J. M. Dowsett, "affecting as it does the main industry of these islands."

"The overwhelming majority by which the bill passed in the lower house, in spite of opposition by a few Democrats, indicates a favorable majority in the upper house."

"I can hardly see that the bill can fail to pass the senate, especially since President Wilson has advocated its passage."

Morning on 'Change.

How greatly local stock dealers and investors had discounted yesterday's overwhelming vote in Congress in favor of the repeal of the free sugar clause of the tariff bill was shown this morning when sales dropped to a total more than 1000 shares under those of yesterday. Though sales today were only 5161 shares as against 6251 yesterday, prices climbed fractionally today at many places on the list. Olan made a net gain of 3 1/2, McBryde is unchanged, Pioneer up 1-4, Hawaiian Commercial up 50 cents, Oahu Sugar up 1-4, Honokaa up 1-8, Eva 1-4, Wailua 1-4 and Onomea the same.

Fire of unknown origin caused \$200,000 damage to the business section of Geneva, N. Y.

George W. Kendrick, Jr., widely known in financial and business circles of Philadelphia and one of the best known members of the Masonic order in the United States, died suddenly from heart disease. He was 75 years old.

KAUAI RAILROAD PROJECT IS HIGH 'UP IN THE AIR'

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government for years. Ultimately it was hoped to extend it to Nawiliwili harbor. Both Makee Sugar Company and Lihue Plantation Company wished to secure cane contracts with the homesteaders of the Kapa districts and both figured in the negotiations more than a year ago. The governor, faced with conflicting interests, said that the Kauai people must get together on a common ground. This, it was announced many months ago, had virtually been reached.

Lihue Plantation Company offered contracts and terms which, it was stated at the time, were approved by Land Commissioner Tucker, and the railroad plans were approved by Superintendent of Public Works Forbes and by Engineer W. C. Furer of the public works, all of whom visited Kauai at the governor's direction.

The government road was to run from Kealia to Lihue, and in the event that the Nawiliwili breakwater project was completed, Lihue was then obligated to carry the road through to Nawiliwili harbor, thus giving a road on the entire windward side from Kealia and around to leeward at Nawiliwili.

Homesteaders Carried Out Their Part. Acting upon the tentative understanding with the land commissioner and the governor, as to the most feasible line of survey, cane was planted by homesteaders upon land contiguous to the proposed line, and some of the cane is now about ready to come off. One homesteader has about \$10,000 worth of cane, another about \$8000, others ranging from \$5000 to \$15000.

Contracts were made with the homesteaders by Lihue Plantation under which the plantation made advances necessary to carry out the planting of cane. These advances, it is credibly reported, are in excess of \$10,000, and the preliminary railroad work was a great deal more.

The contracts were drawn subject to the approval of the governor. The contracts have been with the governor since February, 1915—more than a year—it was stated today, and have neither been approved nor disapproved.

Representatives of homesteaders who have come to Honolulu to take the matter up with the governor and urge action say that the governor first insisted on a long-term contract, 15 years being the period mentioned, to protect the homesteader, and later changed his mind and now wishes a five-year contract.

Must Make New Contracts.

The result of the delay, whatever the reasons, is that the railroad has not been built to enable the homesteaders to take off their cane, and they are now placed in a position where they have to make new contracts—which they say are less advantageous—with either Lihue or the Makee Sugar Company.

It is also credibly reported that many homesteaders, seeing no hope of getting action on the contracts in time for this year's crop, are making short-term contracts with the Makee Sugar Company without the sanction of the governor. These homesteaders are willing to arrange with Makee Sugar Company to buy the present plant crop and two ratoon crops and hope that by that time the railroad will be completed and the Lihue contracts definitely arranged.

Sugar prices are so high now that those who have cane or homesteads that can be handled to the Makee mill will make good money. Some of the small planters are said, however, to be up against it because they cannot get their cane to the mill.

The Kapa lands are considered about the most promising homesteading projects in the Territory. But representatives of the entrants say that only the high price of sugar has saved them from disaster. In any event, diversified farming is not encouraged, say the homesteaders, because of the months of delay in getting transportation facilities which they feel should have been secured long ago.

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TODAY'S NEWS TODAY.

'INDICATIONS FROM OTHER END GOOD'—BERNDT

Men Busy on Guarantee for
Great Northern Have Hopes
of Offer Being Accepted

"Indications from the other end are that the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company will deal favorably with us on the guarantee proposition," announced Emil A. Berndt at noon today, following a morning of work securing more subscriptions for the Great Northern bonus fund, which exceeded \$25,000 by a good-sized sum at that hour.

"Cal Stone will return to San Francisco from Portland tomorrow, and our proposition will be laid before him then," says Fred L. Waldron, president of Fred L. Waldron, Ltd., local agents for the Hill line, today.

"This \$25,000 of actual cash pledged as a bonus against a possible deficit for five round-trips of the Great Northern, plus the fact that she is carrying to San Francisco the biggest freight cargo and passenger list since she started on the Honolulu run, and has another capacity amount for next trip, certainly ought to make a decided impression on the company," adds Mr. Waldron.

The local agents said today that so far as they can see now, another capacity cargo and a capacity passenger list will go out on the Great Northern April 4, on her last scheduled trip.

Is Bound for Coast.

"The committee is still working, and has exceeded the \$25,000 mark," says Mr. Berndt, who with C. E. von Hamm, Mr. Waldron and L. A. Thurston, has been backing the bonus plan strenuously. "Mr. Thurston is going to San Francisco on the Great Northern on behalf of the Promotion Committee, this community, and the Hill Board of Trade. He will receive instructions on arriving as to what we want him to do."

Mr. Berndt adds that various sugar people here are eager to maintain the Hill liner on the Honolulu run, and that they have shown their support by subscribing to the bonus guarantee fund in a most liberal manner.

Fred L. Waldron says the committee is working to secure more subscriptions, but that the guarantee will not be raised. If \$50,000 is subscribed, the liability of those backing the bonus will be lessened pro rata. In other words, a man who subscribed \$2500 to help the move will thus have his liability reduced by one-half. Subscriptions ranging from \$1000 to \$2500 have been made by various firms, to make possible the \$25,000 sought for and obtained.

JAPANESE STUDENTS OF SHAKESPEARE TO TRY OUT MAD SCENE

Japanese students of Shakespeare will meet this evening at the Japanese Y. M. C. A. for the first Shakespearean evening held under the auspices of the Nippon Jiji. R. Tanaka, president of the Buddhist association, will address the members, taking up the subject of William Shakespeare and his works. After the lecture the mad scene from "Hamlet" and a selection from "Romeo and Juliet" will be heard on the phonograph.

Preliminary plans for an evening of Shakespeare will be arranged and the proposition of giving a production of "Romeo and Juliet" at the Opera House will be voted upon. Much interest has been taken in the Shakespeare column in the Nippon Jiji and the society of Shakespeare students has increased more than 150 per cent since last year.

DECORATION GIVEN TO BRAVE CAPTAIN FOR SAVING LIVES

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji.) TOKIO, March 17.—Capt. T. Yamawaka and G. Kawata, purser of the Yasaka Maru of the T. K. K. line, have been decorated by the Emperor for their bravery at the time of the submarine attack on the Yasaka Maru. This merchantman was attacked in the Mediterranean Sea by an Austrian submarine and 45 minutes after the ship had been torpedoed it sank. Capt. Yamawaka by his coolness saved every passenger and all members of the crew on the liner. When he returned to Japan he, as well as the purser, were honored and they were honored in receiving the first decoration that had ever been presented to an officer of a merchantman.

JAPANESE SOPRANO MAKES HIT AT COAST IN PUCCINI'S OPERA

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Madame Tamaka Muri scored a hit last evening when she appeared at the Cort theater as Cho-cho-san in Puccini's "Madame Butterfly." Critics praised her work and her interpretation of the character of the little Japanese maiden was considered the best ever given in this city.

Madame Muri received many encores and was the recipient of many large bouquets from her admirers. After the performance she attended the banquet held at the Nippon Club and there told of her experiences on the American stage. Madame Muri is appearing here with the Boston Opera Company. Among the stars of the company are Anna Pavlova, the noted Russian ballet dancer.

WEEKLY PRODUCE REPORT

By A. T. LONGLEY, Marketing Superintendent.

WEEK ENDING MARCH 16, 1916.

HONOLULU WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET QUOTATIONS.
Issued by the Territorial Marketing Division.

Wholesale only.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Island butter, pound cartons 37 to 40
Eggs, selected Oahu, per doz. 32 to 33
Eggs, No. 1, island, per doz. 32 to 33
Eggs, No. 2, island, per doz. 29 to 30
Duck Eggs, doz. 27

POULTRY.

Broilers, fat, 2 to 3 lbs. 33 to 35
Young roosters, lb. 30 to 33
Hens, in good condition, lb. 26 to 27
Turkeys, lb. 40
Ducks, Muscovy, lb. 25 to 28
Ducks, Pekin, lb. 25 to 28
Ducks, Hawaiian, doz. 6.00

VEGETABLES AND PRODUCE.

Beans, string, green, lb. 05 to 06
Beans, string, wax, lb. 08 to 09
Beans, lima, in pod, lb. 03 1/2
Beans, Dry—
Maul, Red, cwt. 4.65 to 5.00
Calico, cwt. 4.00 to 4.50
Small white, cwt. 5.00
Peas, dried, cwt. 3.50 to 3.75
Beets, doz bunches 35
Cabbage, cwt. 3.00 to 4.00
Carrots, doz bunches 2.00 to 2.25
Corn, sweet 2.00 to 2.25
Corn, Haw. small yellow 38.00 to 40.00
Corn, Haw. large yellow 35.00 to 38.00

FRUITS.

Alligator pears, doz. 1.50
Bananas, Chinese, bunch 20 to 25
Bananas, cooking, bunch 25 to 30
Breadfruit, doz 49 to 50
Pigs, 100 90
Grapes, Isabell, lb. 09
Limes, 100 75 to 1.00
Pineapples, cwt. 75 to 90
Pomelos, lb. 8 to 10
Papayas, lb. 02
Watermelons none in market
Oranges, Haw. 100 1.00 to 1.25
Strawberries 20

LIVESTOCK.

Beef, cattle and sheep are not bought at live weights. They are taken by the meat companies dressed and paid for by dressed weight.

Hogs, up to 150 lbs., lb. 10 to 11 Hogs, 150 lbs. and over 09 to 10

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef, lb. 10 1/2 to 12 Mutton, lb. 11 to 12
Veal, lb. 12 to 13 Pork, lb. 15 to 17

HIDES, Wet-salted.

Steers, No. 1, lb. 14 1/2 Kips, lb. 14 1/2
Steers, No. 2 lb. 13 1/2 Goat skins, white, each 10 to 20
Sheep skins, each 10 to 20

FEED.

The following are quotations on feed, f. o. b. Honolulu.
Corn, small yellow, ton 43.00
Corn, large yellow, ton 42.00
Wheat, ton 42.00 to 43.00
Crack, ton 29.00 to 30.00
Hay, ton 24.00
Scratch Feed, ton 44.00 to 45.00
Oats, ton 42.00 to 43.00
Wheat, ton 42.00 to 43.00
Middlings, ton 38.00
Hay, wheat, ton 26.00 to 30.00
Hay, alfalfa, ton 27.50 to 29.00
Alfalfa Meal, ton 26.50 to 27.00

WHY GASOLINE PRICE INCREASES

Supply of crude oil increasing 6 of 1 per cent; consumption of gasoline increasing 27 per cent.

Put very briefly, this is the why and wherefore of the advance in gasoline prices, say oil men. It is the working of the inviolable law of supply and demand. In California oil fields last year there was an actual falling off in crude oil production of over 14,000,000 barrels. The United States geological survey shows that the total 1915 production of crude oil increased only 6 of 1 per cent over that of the previous year, and yet 500,000 automobiles were put into use in the United States in 1915 and increased the gasoline consumption, for automobiles alone, fully 27 per cent over the consumption in 1914. Meanwhile thousands of gasoline engines and tractors are being put into service on our farms and ranches and depleting the available gasoline supply.

The January issue of the National Petroleum News—the organ of the Independent Producers—estimates that at least a half million new automobiles and trucks will be sold this season so that in a few months not less than three million cars will be consuming gasoline. That will require a 30 per cent increase in gasoline production in order to maintain even the present balance between supply and demand.

Thus far this year production has run considerably less than normal. Just as was the case last year the United States government suits against operators on unpatented lands are greatly limiting production and the severe January storms which wrecked hundreds of rigs in the California fields have further retarded production. The California State

DAVID CARY PETERS GIVEN RECEPTION ON FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

In observance of his fifth anniversary as pastor of the local Christian church, David Cary Peters was guest of honor at a reception held in the church last night, which was attended by several hundred members of the congregation and their friends. Like honors were paid to Mrs. Peters, wife of the pastor, who has taken an earnest interest in the work of the church. Yellow lilies, peonies, palms, maile and cut flowers formed the decorations in the big church. Kaa's quintet played during the evening and several solos were pleasingly rendered by Miss Helen G. Cadwell. Refreshments were served. During the course of the reception Mr. Peters was the recipient of profuse congratulations on the success of his work here.

Damage estimated at \$1000 was done to the cargo of the British steamship Eurymachos, loading munitions of war for Russia, at a Brooklyn pier.

According to the state board of prison directors, only 3 1/2 per cent paroled from California's penitentiaries have returned to a life of crime.

Total production of iron in the United States in 1915 amounted to \$29,916,213 tons, according to a report of the American Iron and Steel institute.

The appointment of Prof. Ernesto Quesada, of the University of Brazil, as professor of Latin American history and economics at Harvard is announced.

Count Kanitz, German commander at Kermanshah, committed suicide when the Russians captured the city.

Four lives were lost when the Norwegian steamship Ander, laden with coal pits, went ashore off Shields, Eng.

Mineralogist estimated a daily average loss in production of 40,000 barrels as a result of this storm damage.

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Jacob H. Schiff has contributed \$10,000 to the American Red Cross in New York for the equipment of a second base hospital of 500 beds. Brig. Gen. A. D. MacDonald, of the Canadian Overseas forces was shot through the shoulder at the front by a German sniper. He is said to be doing well. Announcement was made at Chattanooga, Tenn., by local capitalists that they will build there a \$2,000,000 open hearth steel plant and rolling mill.

Does Coffee Bother?

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